

To whom it may concern:

Please do NOT eliminate the law that prohibits the same media company from owning both a newspaper and a TV station in the same geographic area.

Elimination of this rule will inevitably signal the absorption of the newspaper business into the television industry, with a negative impact on the quality of print journalism. The newly merged megacompanies would provide communities with less news, not more.

At a time of crisis, the dangers of such overwhelming concentration in media are more glaring than ever. The changes underway will make U.S. media even less diverse, more commercial, and less accountable to the public.

Sincerely,

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